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Schauer Announces \$445K for Calhoun County Road Projects MDOT Begins Jobs Today Transportation Investment

LANSING—The first round of road projects in Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's *Jobs Today* transportation investment program became a reality today as matching grants to local communities from the Michigan Department of Transportation were announced this morning. State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) announced that Calhoun County will receive \$445,476 for four projects in Albion and Battle Creek.

"The jobs these projects will create will give our economy just the jump we need," said Schauer. "They will generate direct construction jobs, as well as help local businesses attract commerce to the area."

Calhoun County projects include:

- Constructing a paved shoulder and resurfacing the existing surface on Verona Road from Raymond Road to just east of Wheatfield Road;
- Reconstruction of North Clinton Street in Albion from Austin Avenue to Michigan in Battle Creek including storm sewer and curb;
- Reconstruction along North Washington Avenue in Battle Creek from Orin Street to W. Goodale Avenue, including elimination of one traffic lane and installing two bicycle lanes;
- Reconstruction work along East Emmett Street in Battle Creek from East Avenue North to McKinley Avenue, including two bicycle lanes.

"Investing in better roads and bridges is the right way for the government to be involved in economic development—smart, targeted spending that brings in additional resources," said Schauer.

In May, the House and Senate approved a measure to designate \$80 million in the state's supplemental transportation budget to help county road commissions and local governments meet federal match funding requirements for federal transportation grants. The money will make the state eligible to receive \$320 million in federal funds earmarked for Michigan.

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.